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SUBJECT: Operating Instructions for Coverage of Non-Implantable Pelvic Floor Electrical Stimulators

This Program Memorandum (PM) is to notify you that the Coverage Issues Manual (CIM) is being revised to permit coverage for non-implantable pelvic floor electrical stimulators. Reference to non-implantable pelvic floor electrical stimulators has been moved from CIM §65-9 (Incontinence Control Devices) to CIM §60-24 (Non-Implantable Pelvic Floor Electrical Stimulator).

As noted in CIM §60-24, non-implantable pelvic floor electrical stimulation is covered for the treatment of stress and/or urge urinary incontinence in cognitively intact patients who have failed a documented trial of pelvic muscle exercise (PME) training. A failed trial of PME training is defined as no clinically significant improvement in urinary continence after completing 4 weeks of an ordered plan of pelvic muscle exercises designed to increase periurethral muscle strength.

For DMERCs and institutional facilities, code E0740 is the appropriate HCPCS code for this device, which will be in the inexpensive or routinely purchased DME payment category. The DMERCs are to gap-fill base fee schedule amounts for code E0740 and submit these base fees to HCFA central office by January 29, 2001, in accordance with the April 2001 quarterly update to the DMEPOS fee schedule.

These claims should be filed with "documentation on file" modifier/indicator.

The CWF categories for this code are 04 & 60; TOS is A, P, R.

The CPT code to be used when this procedure is performed in a physician's office is 97014.

Publish this information in your next regularly scheduled bulletin.

The effective date of this PM is April 1, 2001.

The implementation date of this PM is April 1, 2001.

These instructions should be implemented within your current budget.

This PM may be discarded after April 1, 2002.

Contractors should contact the appropriate regional office with any questions related to this PM.